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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 18, 2002 and the Examiner Interview of January 8, 2003, as well a follow-up telephonic conference with the Examiner on January 9, 2003, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner and Supervisory Primary Examiner Renee Luebke are thanked for granting and conducting the personal interview with Applicants' representative. Additionally, the Examiner is further thanked for conducting the telephonic conference to further discuss the pending claims after the interview.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application for consideration, of which claims 1 and 20 are independent.

Turning now to the detailed Office Action, the Examiner continues to reject claims 1-4, 9, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Tondreault (U.S. Patent No. 5,769,668) in view of Geib (U.S. Patent 4,761,140), claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Tondreault and Geib, and further in view of Loo et al. (U.S. Patent 5,648,890 to - hereinafter Loo), and claims 7, 8, 12, 13, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Tondreault and Geib, and further in view of Cronin et al. (U.S. Patent 6,246,583 - hereinafter Cronin). In response, the rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the reasons submitted in previous responses as well as for the additional reasons provided below.

The claimed invention is directed to a connector for connecting a module to a printed circuit